

VETERANS HOME NEWS



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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

WINTER 2010

Art Cox Recognized for 20 Years of Service



Art Cox, Plant Maintenance Engineer, was recognized recently for completing 20 years of employment at MVH-Cape Girardeau. Assistant Administrator, Rich Denning, presented Art with a plaque and made the following comments: "Art is a conscientious, dedicated, and thorough team leader who assures that our residents live in a comfortable, safe environment. He is an asset to this home and the Veterans we serve."

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American Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Christmas Party, Gift Shop



Barb Yallaly, American Legion Auxiliary Homes Rep., gets a hug from Santa following the Christmas Party for the Veterans, sponsored annually by ALA 63, Cape.



Santa gets a big smile from Veteran Jack Ellis during the party. That's the best gift of all--putting a smile on the faces of the residents.



Members of AL Aux. and Post 63 help residents select items at their annual Christmas Gift Shop.



Members of AL Aux. 158, Jackson, wrap the gifts and get them ready for the residents to give to their loved one.

New Years Eve Party



Volunteers Jewell Lincecum, Dorothy Klein, Betty Cato, and Betty Hahs help Cassie Zeilenga serve punch and snacks, while residents and guests take another spin on the dance floor.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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**May 2 - Bikers Helping Veterans
Poker Run, Bike & Car Show**

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DAR Joins Women Veterans for Annual Christmas Lunch



The Daughters of the American Revolution visit with our women Veterans during their annual Christmas Luncheon.

Stephen Ministers Share Holiday Lunch



Front, L-R: Joyce Brewer, Rev. Paul Short, Ruth Strack-Hunze, and Charlotte Heckt. Back: Rudy Bodenschatz, Clinton Gerler, and Cassie Zeilenga.

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George Shelton.....President

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Doyle Mouser..... Masonic Service Association
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Barbara Yallaly..... American Legion Auxiliary
Glenneta Vogelsang..... VFW Auxiliary
Dorothy Points..... MO State Society, DAR

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Cassie Zeilenga.....Activities Director
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MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION

John D. Comerford, Emmett W. Fairfax, Paul E. Connors, Joseph J. Frank, Nancy M. Nelson, Rep. Barney Fisher, Rep. Jason Kander, Senator David Pearce, and Senator Frank Barnitz. Ex-Officio Member: Dalton Wright. Larry Kay, Executive Director

A Message from the Administrator



Viviane Rains

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and made memories that will last for a lifetime!

It is now 2010 and big things are happening already. Renovation in the CBOC area has been completed and staff members have already made the move. The following are now located in that area: Debbie Monroe, Supervisor of Volunteer Services; Lana Goodin, Staff Development Coordinator; Judy Mahaffey, MDS/Care Plan Coordinator; and Cindy Thiele and Michelle Schabbing, Medical Records. There will also be a training/care plan room located in that area.

With these offices moving from the main part of the building, construction will soon begin on the spaces vacated. We are excited at the prospect of soon being able to offer our Veterans a genuine Barber Shop/Hair Salon, an Activities Room and a Family Visit Room. These are much needed additions and should enhance the home for all.

Other items already being discussed is the Annual Foundation Golf Tournament (June 4); the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (April 20) and we are beginning to plan for the 2nd Annual Veteran/Family Picnic to be held later this year (date to be announced soon). Some exciting things are coming this way!

We recently held a celebration of staff who had reached 5, 10, 15 years of service. There was a special accomplishment by Art Cox, Plant Maintenance Engineer who was recognized for 20 years of service!!! This event was held at the facility so that all the Veterans could participate in congratulating those who have met these prestigious "mile markers". We are most blessed to have such a long term staff and the levels of expertise they have accomplished during those years of service. It was a fun event for all of the Veterans and staff, and I hope those recognized felt appreciated...they deserve it!

I would like to congratulate George Shelton for being elected President of the MVH – Cape Girardeau Resident Council during the meeting held in February. I look forward to working with George as we both strive to make our facility even better! I would also like to thank Patti Lansmon for her service as Resident Council President for the past two years.... good job!

I hope that winter passes quietly for all of us and am looking forward to Spring and warmer weather for all of us.....while we wait for that, if you ever have any concerns and/or suggestions, please remember that I am open to discuss any issue.

Resident Activity Room to Become a Reality

Renovation is nearly complete on a portion of our facility to add a much-needed activity room for the residents. This will provide a large area for the Veterans to work on craft projects, play video games, work on puzzles, etc. It will also include a library area for books and videos. The plans call for an old-fashioned juke box to play the oldies-but-goodies, along with a more modern form of entertainment, a large touch-screen interactive computer. Other computers will also be available for residents to surf the internet, use email, and play computer games. It will also include a small kitchen area to be used for baking bread or cookies or other special requests.

“Right now the only place they have for many of these activities is in the dining room,” said Cassie Zeilenga, Activities Director, “and everything has to be picked up and put away before every meal. This room will be more user friendly and offer a greater variety of opportunities to fill their days with fun and interesting activities.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations are being sought to furnish and equip this area. Items needed include the touch-screen computer, juke box, card and game tables, along with smaller items such as kitchen utensils. Names of those individuals or groups who designate their donations for this specific purpose will be listed and acknowledged on a plaque to be located in the room. Simply put “Activity Room” on the note portion of the check.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Debbie Monroe (290-5459) or Cassie Zeilenga (290-5486).

Volunteers to be Honored at Luncheon

New Location: VFW Post 3838

1049 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Time: 11:30 a.m. - Lunch

12:30 p.m. - Recognition & Awards

Volunteers ... You Rock! A new time, a new place, and a fun theme are all part of a plan to show the Missouri Veterans Home volunteers just how much they are appreciated.

We have scheduled a luncheon to be held at VFW 3838 in Cape Girardeau. This is a departure from years past, when the event was held in the evening in the dining room of the home. The change in location will accommodate a larger attendance and offer more convenient parking. We are also aware of some volunteers who do not drive at night, so moving the event to lunch time seemed to make a lot of sense. This move will also eliminate a disruption in the dining schedule for our Veterans. We sincerely hope that those volunteers who work during the day will be able to get away for a long lunch, especially with advance notice.

Please remember, that you **MUST** make a reservation, either by calling Debbie or by signing the registration form which has been left by the Volunteer Sign-in Book. We must give a number to Pete Rhodes and the other good folks at the VFW, so they know how much food to prepare. Volunteers may bring your spouse or a guest.

If you have any questions, or to make reservations, please **call Debbie Monroe at 573-290-5459.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the admission requirements?

To be eligible for admission, a Veteran must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Active military duty with discharge status other than dishonorable.
- Resident of the State of Missouri for 180 days sometime in their lifetime.
- Must have documentation from a physician that he/she needs skilled nursing home care.
- Health condition must be such that the home has resources to provide adequate care.

Do you have an Assisted Living unit?

No. Although some of our residents require a lighter level of care, all 150 beds in our home are licensed for skilled nursing home care.

What is “skilled nursing home care”?

According to the Veterans Administration, it is the care given to convalescents or other persons who require nursing home care, as prescribed by or performed under the general direction of a physician. A skilled facility provides nursing, rehabilitative, dietetic, pharmaceutical, laboratory, radiological, social, and spiritual services to the patient.

Do you have an Alzheimer’s Unit?

Yes, our 50-bed Special Care Unit, is designed and staffed to meet the needs of individuals with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. It is a secure unit that includes a dining room, activity area and enclosed courtyard.

How can I get an application?

Applications are available at any Missouri Veterans Home or Veterans Service Office. Call Kim Snell, Admissions Coordinator at 573-290-5484 if you have questions or to have an application mailed to you. Applications also available at www.mvc.dps.mo.gov.

Family Comments

We are proud of our outstanding team of highly dedicated and skilled employees in all departments who honor our Veterans through superior nursing home care. Here are some recent comments from families and friends:

To everyone on A wing:

My heartfelt thanks to each person that helped take care of my husband, Angelo Mantos.

On February 20, 2007, Angelo was admitted to the Missouri Veterans Home. Little did I know that this would become my second family. Everyone treated Angelo and me like family. The care, kindness and concern for him was outstanding.

At times I know I got on your nerves. You took it in stride and I am most grateful.

- Delores (Dee) Mantos

To Residents, Staff and Foundation Board:

Thank you for the flowers for our father and for all the kindness shown to him while he was a resident at the home. Although it was a short 6 weeks, he was very happy and content there.

-Family of Erwin "Speed" Buchheit

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this time. We appreciate your support.

- The Blackwell family

Thank you for all the care that you and your staff provided. You all are wonderful! May God bless.

- Dewey Wolfenkoehler family

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and thank you for all the love and care you gave my brother, Bill Gill.

Thank you for all the kindness you showed to me.

- Mary Berryman

Dear Veterans Home Staff,

Thank you so much for the excellent care that you gave to my dear father. Everyone was so good to Dad. We are so deeply indebted to you for this. Thank you also for the beautiful peace lily sent to Dad's funeral as well. We also appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers at this time.

With sincere gratitude,

- Jack & Janice Ruopp & family

Missouri Veterans Home:

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Thank you for the flowers and for your care of Cletus.

- The Chandler family

Dear Veterans Home,

Thank you very much for the terrific and wonderful care you gave Erwin LeGrand in his 4 1/2 years at the Veterans Home. The family appreciates the attentiveness, patience and laughter. God bless you all and the work you do.

- Ken, Randy, Bill & Keith
LeGrand & families

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful potted plant you sent for Buel Campbell's funeral service. But more importantly, thank you for the loving care and attention that you gave to him this past year. He was happy there and felt at home there. We appreciate each and every one of the staff.

- The Buel Campbell family



14th Annual



MVH-Cape Girardeau

Foundation Golf Tournament

Friday, June 4, 2010

Bent Creek Golf Club

Four-person Scramble - 18 holes

○ Registration Begins: 10:00 a.m.

○ Lunch served: 11:00 a.m.

○ Shot Gun Start: 12:30 p.m.

○ Entry Fee: \$80 each/\$320 team

(Includes cart, lunch, on-course beverages & snacks)

Cash Prizes - \$10,000 Hole-in-One

Call 573--290-5459 for

Sponsorship and Registration Information

Thank you for the beautiful plant. Quentin sure liked it there. Glad he got in the home as he tried for so long. God bless you all.

- Family of Quentin Davis

To all the staff on the A-wing, We want to thank you for taking such good care of our husband/dad/grandpa. It was a very hard journey for us and you did a great job of making it a little easier on us. The nurses that were with dad the night he passed were very caring and loving with me and dad. They kept me calm. Thank you for the plant. It's very nice.

- Family of Julius "Fat" Laster

Staff, nurses and residents, The Trout Family would like to thank all of you for your support and generosity for taking such good care of my husband and our father for the past 4 years. We appreciate your dedication and loyalty.

- Shelby Trout & Family

Thanks so much for all you have done for Dan. God bless you all.

- The Dan Hale family

Thanks so much for the great care that you took on behalf of my wonderful father, Cameron Ward. The plant you sent to the funeral is greatly appreciated.

- Pam & Jim Heide

25th Anniversary of Kow Pasture Klassic



Sponsored by Kohlfeld Distributing,
Stag/Pabst Brewing, and Mikes Hard Lemonade

Saturday, April 17

6:00 am - 5:00 pm

Schindler's Tavern, New Hamburg

Entry Fee: \$160 per team of four

Entry fee and registration required for "T" time.
All pre-paid registrants receive Kow Pasture T-shirt and
tickets for free beverages and burgers.

Proceeds Benefit

Missouri Veterans Home

&

Kenny Rogers Children's Center

(Cash receipts will be divided equally between the two charities.
Checks may be written to either charity, then that charity gets
100% of your donation.)

This is a unique game of golf played on a make-shift course,
carved out of a pasture owned by St. Lawrence Parrish (located
behind the tavern) in New Hamburg. The balls are actually
tennis balls and your golf club can be a boat oar, hockey stick
or whatever you want it to be. It's 9-holes of hilarious fun you
don't want to miss!

For Information Contact:

Rick & Heather Lawson

Schindler's Tavern

573-545-3709

Mitch Miller

Kohlfeld Distributing

573-243-3931

Don't forget to bring your tennis balls.

Kow Pasture Klassic Quilt Drawing

Beautiful Red, White & Blue Quilt
Replicates 25th Anniversary KPK T-shirt Design

Donate \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5

Available in advance at Missouri Veterans Home

Tenth Annual BIKERS HELPING VETERANS EVENT

May 2, 2010

Poker Run

Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

At Boardman Shelter

(Across from Hutson's Furniture in downtown Cape)

Ends at Veteran's Home - 12:30 p.m.

\$15 donation

ALL vehicles WELCOME

Bike & Car Show

Car Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Missouri Veterans Home Parking Lot

2400 Veterans Memorial Drive

Cape Girardeau MO

\$15 donation per class

- 12:30 p.m. - Festivities begin with Bike Blessing
- Food & Beverages Concessions Available
- 1:00 p.m. - Jones Auction
- 3:00 p.m. - Prizes Awarded

Call for a flyer with details about entry classes:
(573) 290-5459

Come join us to see the cars and bikes.

No admission fee!

Event will be held Rain or Shine

*All funds raised by Bikers for Veterans provide for the individual
needs of the Veteran residents.*

In the Spotlight

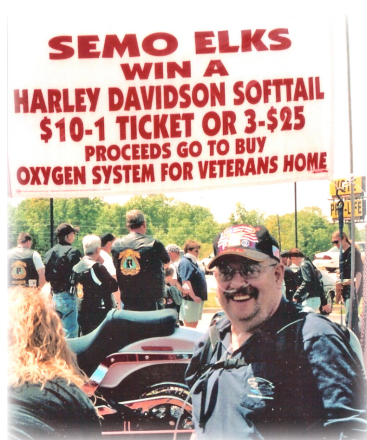
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ELKS

A Visible Force in Voluntary Service to our Veterans.

When I began looking for an organization to highlight in this newsletter, I didn't have to look very far. In fact, I can practically look across the highway from the Veterans Home, to find one of the many Elks Lodges in Southeast Missouri that has supported our Veterans for many years. Lodge No. 639 in Cape Girardeau stepped up to offer financial support for bingo and other activities for the Veterans back in 1990 when the home first opened. Under the leadership of Myron "Boomer" Carter, who served as the Elks National Veterans Service Representative, they sponsored Bingo games and brought in entertainment groups, such as the nationally-acclaimed group, Re-Creation.

When Carter died in 2002, the torch was passed to Joe Prost, who continues that tradition of support to this day. Under his leadership, along with other members of Lodge 639 and Jackson Lodge 2652, they spearheaded efforts that raised over \$10,000 to provide a

liquid oxygen system for the home in 2005. That money was raised by auctioning off a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Prost credited the



efforts of hundreds of Elks who pitched in to sell tickets, making the fund drive so successful.

The Cape Lodge has also been a big part of the annual Golf Tournament for many years by providing sponsorship, golf teams, leadership and even preparing lunch. Neal Edwards, Ray Drury, Harold Moore, Ron Bollinger, and Bob Williams were a vital part of the planning committee for the tournament for many years.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission also provides prize money of \$50 for a bingo session on the second Sunday of each month. Cape Girardeau Lodge 639 and Jackson Lodge 2652 also provide prize money and volunteers for two evening bingo sessions a month. Total contributions from the Cape Lodge alone have now exceeded \$40,000!

Support extends well beyond the boundaries of Cape County. Recently Chuck Mudge and John Geringer, members of Perryville Elks Lodge 2701, heard that we wanted to grill steaks for a special meal for our Veterans. They loaded up their grills, rounded up volunteers, and came to help. Since 17 current residents are from Perry County, it was a great opportunity for many to visit with old friends.

The Perryville lodge along with the Perryville Lady Elks have also given great financial support over the years. Recently the lodge presented a check for \$1500 toward the new Activity Room, now under construction. They also brought a sound system and provided entertainment. It turns out several of their members sing, including one who does a remarkable Elvis impersonation. (photo on 10.)

Other lodges that have supported our Veterans include Lodge 689,



Chuck Mudge (right) along with other members from Perryville Elks, grilling steaks for the Veterans, assisted by members from the Jackson Elks.



John McLemore and Tim Davis along with other members of Cape Elks Lodge cook brats during a Bikers for Veterans event.

DeSoto; Lodge 1765, Farmington; Lodge 1721, Festus-Crystal City; Lodge 1810, Chaffee; Lodge 2319 & Lady Elks, Sikeston; Lodge 2439, Dexter; Lodge 2330 & Lady Elks, Arcadia Valley; Lodge 2455, High Ridge; Lodge 2545, Thayer; Lodge 2583, Mineral Area; Lodge 2452, Poplar Bluff; and Lodge 2674, Ste. Genevieve.

In addition to supporting our Veterans, the Elks also support various youth activities, provide scholarships, and promote drug awareness. They are truly living up to their motto:

Elks care--Elks share!



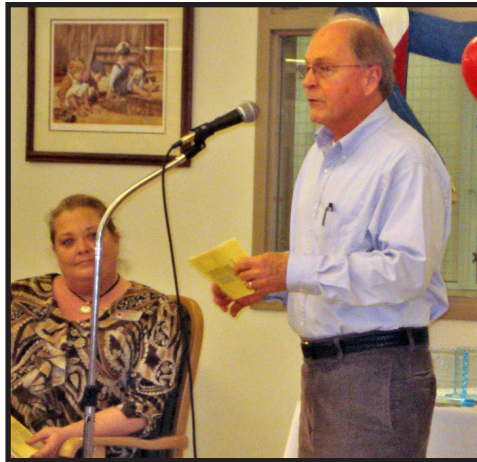
Bingo is a favorite pass time for many of the residents. Shown calling bingo on the left is Tim Maevers from Jackson Elks Lodge 2652. Right, John McLemore, Exalted Ruler for Cape Lodge 639, lends a hand to resident Loy Nelson during one of the bingo games sponsored by their lodge.



Our Dedicated Staff

An Employee Recognition Ceremony was held in January to honor those employees who had achieved an employment milestone of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service since November 1, 2007.

Foundation President Makes Opening Remarks



Wayne Maupin, President of the Foundation Board, expresses appreciation to all employees for their dedication to our Veterans.

Employees Recognized for 15 Years of Service



Michele Schabbing



Barb Hill



Sarah Goodin



David Holshouser



Debbie Statler



Scott Whitsel



Ladonna Winchester



Dennis Kern



Lana Goodin



Clementine Geiser

Employees Recognized for 10 Years of Service



Angie Sitze



Charlene Lewis



Lois Withers



Cindy Jobe



Catherine Ludwig



Cherie Schmidt



Ginger Shelton



Alice Collins



Carolyn Rider



Tina Riley



Judy Carlton



Holly Lovel

Employees Recognized for 5 Years of Service



Front row, left to right: Linda Lowery, Verna Bogard, Laporcia Norris, and Eva Cannon. Back row: Sherry Cleaves, Sherri Howard, Donna Reynolds, Sara Blumenberg, Amberlee Waddle, Pam Blankenship, Cheryl Howard, Judy Mahaffey, and Lubertha Ellis. Not available for photo: April Chiles, Jean Sherrill, Peggy Artrip, Bonita Brock, Christy Whorton, Sue Muse, and Lisa Frieze.

Residents of the Month



Paul Poole

October

The Resident Council selected Paul Poole as Resident of the Month for October. Paul was born in East Prairie, MO, and lived in Park Hills, MO before coming to the Veterans Home in October, 2004.



Tommy Thompson

November

The Resident Council selected Tommy Thompson as Resident of the Month for November. Tommy was born in Benton, MO, and lived in Sunnysvale, CA before coming to the Veterans Home in November, 2003.



Henry Slinkard

December

The Resident Council selected Henry Slinkard as Resident of the Month for December. Henry was born in Bessville, MO, and resided in Jackson, MO, before coming to the Veterans Home in September, 2004.

If you are here at the Veterans Home on Sunday mornings, you might meet Norman Brant. He is a volunteer. Norman wrote "The Name On The Wall" (referring to the bulletin board where names of recently deceased residents are posted). He gave me a copy a while back. I read it and thought "how nice and well written". After my husband, Angelo Mantos, died (12-21-09) I came across the article again and want to share it with you.

Dee Mantos

The Name On The Wall

by Norman Brant

When I come through the doors and look to my right,
It's the name on the wall that catches my sight.

It may be a man or a woman, but always a Veteran it will be.
The name on the wall for the entire world to see.

They left this earth with family and friends behind.
Now they are on another journey; heavenly stairs they must climb.

To meet God, family and Veteran friends, what a reunion it will be.
But for a volunteer how sad it is for you and for me.

It's more than just a name we have grown to know and love so well.
It's their smiles, their pain and all the stories they have to tell.

So we stare at the name on the wall and say our good byes,
Then we look around and hope no one sees the tears in our eyes.

We want to thank the name on the wall for our freedom it has paid.
Goodbye, GOD BLESS and in heaven we'll see you again someday.

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

February

Charles Rogers	2nd	Marines
Wilburn Lomax	4th	Navy
Harold Hicks	6th	Army
Doyle Paine	6th	Army
Kenneth Copeland	8th	Air Force
Roy Williams	8th	Army
Leeman Payne	11th	Army
Kenneth Dement	13th	Marines
William Legrand	14th	Army
Jean Poe	16th	Navy
Dale Seabaugh	18th	Army
Eldor Lorenz	21st	Army
Vernon Biehle	27th	Army

March

William Enderle	6th	Navy
Don Magruder	7th	Army
James Griffith	10th	Navy
James Willenbring	13th	Navy
Victor Brant	14th	Army
Lawrence West	16th	Navy
Henry Slinkard	19th	Army
Lawrence Heisserer	22nd	Navy
Frank Maevers	25th	Army
Donald Anderson	26th	Marines
Earl Hulbert	29th	Army
Alonzo Zahner	29th	Army






















April

Richard Weber	4th	Army
Billy Estes	7th	Navy
Joe Masterson	9th	Air Force
Samuel McClellan	9th	Army
Hilden Ross	9th	Navy
Edgar Esicar	11th	Army
Donald Cox	14th	Navy
Fred Stone	14th	Army & Natl. Guard
Robert Stuhlman	17th	Army
Edgar Woodard	18th	Army
Donnie Foulk	19th	Marines
Henry Pekarek	21st	Army
John Moses	23rd	Marines
Nelson Braden	29th	Navy

ADMISSIONS

ADMIT DATE	NAME	BRANCH	ADMIT DATE	NAME	BRANCH
10/7/2009	Quentin Davis	Navy	11/24/2009	Samuel McClellan	Army
10/8/2009	Jerry Sitze	Army	11/27/2009	Robert Sitzes	Army & Air Force
10/21/2009	Albert Shumway	Army	11/30/2009	Don Magruder	Army
10/27/2009	Jerome Schnurbusch	Army	12/1/2009	James Bingham	Navy
10/30/2009	Normandy Myers	Navy	12/3/2009	Paul Wise	Army
11/2/2009	Robert Pruett	Air Force	12/4/2009	Doyle Paine	Army
11/3/2009	Alonzo Zahner	Army	12/11/2009	Henry Buchheit	Army & Air Force
11/4/2009	Ronald Ervin	Navy	12/14/2009	Victor Brant	Army
11/6/2009	Jack Emerson	Army	12/23/2009	Clarence Hilterbrand	Marines
11/12/2009	Erwin Buchheit	Army	12/29/2009	Edgar Woodard	Army
11/12/2009	William Burkhimer	Air Force	12/30/2009	Raymond Hecht	Army

FINAL ROLL CALL

 Lonnie Geringer Died 10/3/2009	 Julius Laster Died 10/4/2009	 Buel Campbell Died 10/16/2009	 Quentin Davis Died 10/17/2009
 Viola Best Died 10/27/2009	 Ervin Legrand Died 10/30/2009	 Cletus Chandler Died 11/1/2009	 Cameron Ward Died 11/8/2009
 John Taylor Died 11/10/2009	 William Gill Died 11/12/2009	 Arthur Stewart Died 11/18/2009	 Dewey Wolfenkoehler Died 11/21/2009
 Eldor Bock Died 11/27/2009	 Jack Emerson Died 11/30/2009	 Dudley Ruopp Died 12/2/2009	 Daniel Hale Died 12/9/2009
 Theon Dumey Died 12/9/2009	 Noah Kennedy Died 12/16/2009		
 Angelo Mantos Died 12/21/2009	 Erwin Buchheit Died 12/26/2009		

Scrapbook

Miscellaneous photos we wanted to share...



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Assistant Director, Rich Denning, playing his clarinet, joined by Bev Reese on the keyboard. * Elvis (alias Wes Lavitte) was in the building! * John Moses dancing with his daughter on New Years Eve. * Eva Cannon leads a group of carolers from Jackson's South Side Elementary. * Normandy Myers gets a big hug from Santa. * Volunteer Sue Pewitt appears to be giving new Resident Council President George Shelton and Santa some serious advice. * The Kitchen Band from Bardwell, KY provide unique entertainment. * Nibbles the goat visits with Carl Algier and other residents.

CASH DONATIONS October - December

Up to \$99

Morgan Lake
P. R. Fredrich
Hurley Spicer
VFW Aux. 4409, Harrisonville
VFW Aux. 5527, Ironton
Am.Legion Aux. 341, St. Louis
Caleb Craft
Melvin Biester
William Bowers
Bill & Marge Engleman
Grand of MO Running Bare
MOC Aux #5

Mr & Mrs David Hamm
Tina Prather
VFW Aux 2442, Miller City
VFW Aux 5900, Marble Hill
VFW Aux 3770, Mountain Grove
Voiture Locale No. 38
Whitewater Methodist Church
D.A.R., John Guild Chapter
Am.Legion Post 341, St. Louis
VFW Aux 2661, Washington
First Presbyterian Church
VFW Post 3127, Chaffee
Brian Flowers
Korean War Vets Assn. #3

\$100 to 249

Louis DesPres
Eagles Lodge No. 4206
Shirley Followell
Francis Hennis
Patti Lansmon
SEMO Labor Picnic
VFW Post 5368, Morley
VFW Aux 3127, Chaffee

VFW Post 5900, Marble Hill
I.B.E.W. Local One
I.O.O.F Lodge # 5, St. Louis
William & Carol Schabbing
Am Legion Aux 133, Perryville
Buel Campbell family
DAV No. 47, Dexter
Men's VFWA 5896, Farmington
VFW Aux Dept. of MO
Masonic Service Association
Evangelical United Church of Christ

\$250 - 499

Bowlers to Vets Link
Elks Lodge 639, Cape
AL Post 150, Ste. Genevieve
VFW Aux 3485, Doniphan
VFW Aux 5923, Camdenton
VFW Post 5923, Camdenton
Military Order of Cooties #5

\$500 - \$999

AL Post 494, Qulin
AL Post 281, Piedmont
DAV No. 16, Cape
VFW Post 5527, Ironton
VFW Aux 4282, Perryville
Neil & Alberta Dougan
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Never too Young to Make a Difference



Caleb Craft with Veterans Paul Aleksiak and Eleonora Brewton.

Caleb Craft is a remarkable young man. When Santa asked him what he wanted for Christmas, he said "I want money to help Veterans". Shortly after Christmas, Caleb came to the Veterans Home to proudly present the \$49 he had received for Christmas. He also spent some time meeting and visiting with some of the residents.

That visit made quite an impression on young Caleb. So when his birthday rolled around, once again he asked friends and family to bring a donation for the Veterans, instead of buying him a gift. This time, the

amount of the donation came to a little over \$300!

Caleb's dad, Chad is currently in the military and is obviously very proud of his son. Both Caleb and his dad stressed that he wasn't doing this for the recognition. "I just want to help Veterans," he said.

At Caleb's request, part of the money will be used to sponsor a special party for residents, which Caleb and his family hope to attend. The balance will be put toward items needed in the new Activity Room.

Perryville Elks Donate \$1500 For New Activity Room

Members of Perryville Elks Lodge 2701 are shown here presenting a check for \$1500 to some of the residents from Perryville. Pictured here, seated, left to right are Raymond Hecht, Hilden Ross, Paul Endres, Roy Layton, Loy Nelson, Jerome Schnurbusch, Alonzo Zahner, and Melvin Wood. Standing are Elks John Edwards, Chuck Mudge, and Wes Lavitte.

This donation will go a long toward improving the quality of life for these and many other residents in the home.



Gib Bessand and Clinton Gerler brought boxes of apples and oranges from Perryville VFW Post 4282, for the residents to enjoy.



Bob Schroer and Marvin Young delivered clothing, socks and sweats, donated by Arcadia Valley Elks Lodge No. 2330.



Doyle Tutterrow presents a check for \$500 to Debbie Monroe, from American Legion Post 281, in Piedmont.